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SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, L.B. 19 has been amended by the Committee with a substitute bill. The substitute bill spelled out the counties rather than to give them by districts. This is the purpose of the amendments and I will (inaudible). There is hereby established an ad valorem advisory committee to be composed of one county board member and one county assessor from each of the districts and then it spells out the districts in the State which have been recognized, five districts have been recognized by county officials themselves and then another amendment will provide for Lancaster, Sarpy and Douglas Counties to be that sixth district. I would move for the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the committee amendments. Question is shall the committee--Senator Anderson, did you wish to be recognized? Question is shall the committee amendments be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered, the amendments are adopted. Back to you, Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: L.B. 19 is the result of the Interim Study Committee's report of their study during the year, working with the Tax Commissioner's Office and with the County Officials' Organization. This sets up an advisory committee to the Tax Commissioner as far as real and personal property tax valuations are concerned. The intent of this legislation is that these people will work, a committee of 14, will work with the Revenue Department on property tax assessments for a better approach of equa--

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equalization, not only within the county but more especially between the counties. This group, this group will be assisted by a companion bill which we'll discuss as soon as we're finished with this one, L.B. 132, which provides certain funds to do the, to provide those monies that are necessary for this committee to operate. The bill was heard several weeks ago, there was no one who appeared against the bill. The Tax Commissioner is in accord, in agreement with what it would do to help him in his staff, in valuation, and if these seven assessors and seven county officials will constitute this board.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill? Senator Syas, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, I just want to alert the body that here we come again to Lancaster, Sarpy and Douglas for one in one district which has half the state, half the population in the state, we have probably one-sixth of the representation on the board. That's so far amiss from one man, one vote, that it isn't even funny and I just want to call to your attention because that's enough to make, should be enough to make me vote against the bill. I want to say this, that, uh, my good friend, Senator Burbach who I admire very much, but this is one time I can't go with him on another matter, it came up the other day of all the commissions and, and the boards that we were kicking about, all of the boards that were doing things in this Capitol building and I stood up and told you, cited to you that I have counted 101 and that was an incomplete list, there is more than that, so this morning, I just wanted to call to your attention, you're setting up another one, so, when you talk about boards and commissions, friends, this is where they start and this is where you do it